



Atty. Docket No.: 05313P002

In re Application for:	)	
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Sandra E. Hutchins	)	
	)	Art Group: Not Yet Assigned
Serial No.: 09/759,734	)	
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Filed: January 12, 2001	)	
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For: <b>VARIABLE RATE SPEECH</b>	)	
<b>DATA COMPRESSION</b>	)	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced application filed on January 12, 2001, the Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following preliminary amendments and remarks.

**IN THE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

At page 3, line 5, please delete "Figure 9 illustrates a structure of a bit stream sent over a digital channel."

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

At page 39, line 3, please delete: "To this end, with reference to the structures displayed in Figure 9,".

At page 39, line 3, please replace the second occurrence of the word "the" with --The--.

At page 40, line 1, please delete: "laid out as illustrated in Figure 9."

At page 40, lines 3-4, please delete: "laid out as illustrated in Figure 9."